



# SIMPLE STEPS FOR HOME WATER EFFICIENCY

Follow these steps, and you may find that it doesn't take any time or money to improve your home's water efficiency.

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## HERE ARE A FEW EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE YOUR HOME WATER USE.

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**REPAIR LEAKY FAUCETS AND TOILETS PROMPTLY.** A leaky faucet can waste three gallons of water per hour and a leaky toilet can waste up to 200 gallons per day.

**SET THE THERMOSTAT ON THE HOT WATER HEATER AT 120°F.** You can reduce energy loss by wrapping the water heater in an insulating blanket - check the owner's manual first.

**TAKE MORE SHOWERS THAN BATHS.**

You can use 40-90 gallons of water for a bath but less than 20 gallons during a 5 minute shower.

**SET WARM WASH AND COLD RINSE CYCLES** and save 90 percent over the energy used when machine washing in hot water only.

**IF YOU USE A DISHWASHER, AVOID PREWASHING THE DISHES.** Scrape rather than rinse dishes. Run only full loads, and set the dishwasher to air dry the dishes. If you wash dishes by hand, fill a bowl or basin with soapy water and another with clean rinse water; then turn off the faucet.

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